



General Assembly

***Substitute House Joint  
Resolution No. 64***

*February Session, 2010*

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***RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMERCE TO RESTORE THE EXPORT ASSISTANCE CENTER  
IN CONNECTICUT TO ITS FULL STAFFING LEVEL.***

Resolved by this Assembly:

1       WHEREAS, there is recognition that most jobs are created by small  
2       and medium-sized businesses, and there is a clear policy interest of  
3       both the federal and state governments to support such businesses as  
4       they recover from the current economic recession; and

5       WHEREAS, Connecticut's economy is dependent on exporting to  
6       recover from the current economic recession, and recent state  
7       exporting activity has shown promising growth; and

8       WHEREAS, the United States Department of Commerce's Export  
9       Assistance Center in Middletown, Connecticut is the only federal office  
10      to support exporting in the state; and

11      WHEREAS, that office has traditionally had five professional staff  
12      members, including a director, three trade specialists and one  
13      commercial officer; and

14      WHEREAS, for more than one year, the office has been reduced to  
15      three staff members and has not been authorized to refill the vacant  
16      positions; and

17 WHEREAS, many small and medium-sized businesses in  
18 Connecticut need the assistance of the Export Assistance Center to  
19 successfully initiate or enhance exporting activity; and

20 WHEREAS, that needed assistance can only be provided if the  
21 Export Assistance Center in Middletown is adequately staffed.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut  
23 General Assembly calls upon the United States Department of  
24 Commerce to restore the Export Assistance Center in Middletown,  
25 Connecticut to its full staffing level; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the House of  
27 Representatives and the Senate cause a copy of this resolution to be  
28 sent to the Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce  
29 and each member of the Connecticut congressional delegation.

***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

The title was changed for accuracy, internal consistency and to achieve the intent of the committee.

***PRI***        *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*